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1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS REPLIED PUBLICLY TO THE CONCILIATORY MESSAGE WHICH ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO SENT HIM ON FEBRUARY 22 (REFTEL). WHILE SOMEWHAT "HOLIER THAN THOU," MOBUTU'S MESSAGE FURTHER DEESCALATES THE VERBAL EXCHANGE AND IMPLIES WILLINGNESS TO RESUME BILATERAL TALKS.

2. ZAIRIAN PRESS SERVICE ON FEB. 26 PUBLISHED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MOBUTU TO NETO:
BEGIN TEST: MR. PRESIDENT AND DEAR BROTHER: I HAVE RECEIVED AND MADE PUBLIC THE MESSAGE WHICH YOU SO KINDLY SENT ME CONCERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. AS YOU KNOW,
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THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE HAS ALREADY SHOWN ON MANY OCCASIONS ITS FIRM DESIRE TO HAVE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, AND MORE ESPECIALLY WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. THUS AT EACH OF THE MEETINGS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS FROM OUR TWO COUNTRIES WE HAVE NOT CEASED TO GIVE PROOF THAT THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE DOES NOT SUPPORT ON ITS TERRITORY ANY SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA. BUT,

ON THE OTHER HAND, WE MUST DEPLORE THE FACT THAT WE IN TURN HAVE NEVER HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF THE SAME ATTITUDE FROM OUR ANGOLAN PARTNERS.

THIS EXPLAINS THE LATEST DECISION TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE TO INFORM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE OAU, OF THE EXTREMELY EQUIVOCAL SITUATION WHICH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA FOSTERS ON OUR BORDERS, A SITUATION WHICH GRAVELY PREJUDICES THE SERENITY AND SECURITY OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

NEVERTHELESS, DESIROUS OF PROMOTING PEACE BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES, THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE IS OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING A MEETING OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO FIND A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEMS IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL SINCERITY AND WITH A REAL DESIRE FOR PEACE.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT AND DEAR BROTHER, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM. END TEXT
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